

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 295

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jerry Stout upon receiving the 2009 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Chairman's Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as conservationists and public servants of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Jerry Stout of LaFollette, who recently received the 2009 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) Chairman's Award; and

WHEREAS, the RMEF is leading an elk conservation initiative that has enhanced elk habitat on over 5.7 million acres of land, which is the equivalent of an area three miles wide and stretching along the entire Continental Divide from Canada to Mexico; and

WHEREAS, over 200,000 students and adults have learned about conservation and America's sporting heritage through education and hunting heritage projects sponsored by the RMEF; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stout was chosen for this prestigious award as one of four conservationists from Tennessee, New Mexico, Oregon, and Pennsylvania, helping to preserve and restore the population and natural habitat of elk across the country; and

WHEREAS, through his dedicated efforts and hard work, Mr. Stout helped spearhead elk restoration in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he has volunteered countless hours working to ensure the future of elk and their habitat in conjunction with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) by conducting workshops, teaching hunter safety courses, and radio tracking elk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stout has devoted his singular skills and leadership abilities to the Royal Blue Chapter of the RMEF as Chairman, and his tireless efforts and many contributions have been an inspiration to all RMEF members and conservationists alike; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Stout epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Jerry Stout for his dedication to elk restoration and conservation in the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jerry Stout for his meritorious service to elk restoration and conservation in the State of Tennessee, congratulate him on receiving the 2009 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Chairman's Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.